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1. DR. GALLER MET WITH HYDROMET'S Y. E. KAZAKOV DEC 13 AT COMMERCIAL OFFICE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT SEMINAR. COMMOFF FROMOWITZ, SCIENCE OFFICER WARD AND USDOC OFFICER UNKOVIC PARTICIPATED.

2. INSTEAD OF PRESENTING SOVIET REACTION TO US SUGESTIONS CONTAINED IN BOWDEN-IZRAEL LETTER AND REPEATED TO KUVSHINNIKOV NOV 13, KAZAKOV MERELY REQUESTED FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF SEMINAR PROPOSAL. DR. GALLER EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR, REITERATED TOPICS WHICH COMMERCE WAS ENDEAVORING TO COVER, AND EMPHASIZED US DESIRE TO HAVE SEMINAR RESPONSIVE TO SOVIET INTERESTS. GALLER ALSO QUERIED KAZAKOV WHETHER MONITORING OR CONTROL SHOULD HAVE MAJOR EMPHASIS. PROBLEM OF LEAD TIME NEEDED IN ORDER TO RECRUIT APPROPRIATE FIRMS WAS MADE VERY CLEAR TO KAZAKOV, AND HE WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS (ADDITIONAL TOPICS, DELETIONS AND DEGREE OF EMPHASIS FOR TOPICS CHOSEN) IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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3. KAZAKOV REPEATED KUVSHINNIKOV'S EARLIER OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF SEMINAR (MOSCOW 17820) AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING MORE THAN TWO DAYS OF PRESENTATIONS. DR. GALLER SAID EXTENSION OF FORMAL PROGRAM WAS POSSIBLE IF, AFTER STUDYING SPECIFIC SOVIET REQUESTS, COMMERCE AGREED MORE TIME NEEDED.

4. COMMENT. HYDROMET'S FAILURE TO MOVE AHEAD ON BASIS BOWDEN LETTER AND NOV 13 DISCUSSION DISAPPOINTMENT TO AMERICAN SIDE. HYDROMET HAS NOT EVEN APPROACHED OTHR MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTES TO INITIATE COLLATION OF IDEAS. KAZAKOV PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO MAKE THESE CONTACTS IMMEDIATELY AND TO RESPOND TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE ASAP. WE WILL BE PRODDING HYDROMET TO KEEP THEM MOVING.

5. DR. GALLER AND UNKOVIC WILL REPORT IN MORE DETAIL ON RETURN. STOESSEL

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